

March 24, 2010

Greetings in Christ!

Spring is here! It seems hard to believe that the time has flown by, but God is blessing us with a wonderful spring so far, including a smaller than expected flood challenge. As you drive around the country you see lots of activities pointing to an early planting time. Most important we are able to focus on our Creator and His very special gift of forgiveness through the life, death, and resurrection of His Son. May God grant you a wonderful Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

Creation and Life issues in the news:

As most of you know, the Health Care bill passed by a narrow margin. The impact of this legislation on babies is yet to be determined, but needless to say, pro-abortion people seemed to be pleased.

AP: "Top Home-School Texts Dismiss Darwin, Evolution"

Many homeschool science textbooks are from Christian authors and are designed for Christian parents and students. Is that too much for secularists to handle?

An *Associated Press* story profiles homeschool mother Susan Mule, who regrets her adoption of a Christian science curriculum that didn't toe the evolutionary line on origins. For some, the incident may be a reminder of *caveat emptor*. But for others, the very existence of the textbooks is a cause for concern.

One such individual is University of Chicago ecologist Jerry Coyne, who told the AP that the books "are promulgating lies to kids" and that students who use them are being "shortchanged, both rationally and in terms of biology." Coyne and Virginia Tech biologist Duncan Porter recently reviewed science textbooks from Apologia Educational Ministries and Bob Jones University Press, with Porter concluding that he would give the books an F. To read more follow this link:

<http://www.onenewsnow.com/Perspectives/Default.aspx?id=936234>

Nature Watch: Birds are arriving daily. This past week we saw swans, snow geese, hawks, sand hill cranes, and red-winged blackbirds. Skunk traffic is increasing as are the sightings of other rodents of the forest. Ice is slowly disappearing away from shorelines. Canada geese are pairing up and will soon be setting on nests near ponds and in the rushes around the lake. Fish are moving – large Northerns are moving into the shallows and up streams leading into lakes. Other fish species are also preparing to spawn as they move toward the shallow waters. Pocket gophers are becoming active. Now is the time to trap them as they metabolism is slow.

Program Information: Do you have a senior group, group of parents, men's group, ladies group, or others that would like to come out to find out more about what we are doing with Creation-Science and our plans for the Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center at Christ Serve Ranch? We'd love to have you join us for a day of information, tours, a delicious lunch, breaks, and sharing. The cost is \$12 per person. Just drop us a note and we'll be happy to set something up.

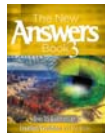
Don't forget to order your tickets for the Creation and Life Issues Convocation coming up on April 18th at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Moorhead at 2:00 pm. In addition to providing a great program with Dr. David Menton from Answers in Genesis, this is also a benefit to help the Creation-Science Environmental Learning Center at Christ Serve Ranch.

From the Task force: The Task Force is meeting on Monday, March 29th. They will be working on a number of projects, hearing reports, and will take a tour of Christ Serve Ranch.

God's Word: The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein. Nahum 1:5

Prayer List: 1.) Please continue to pray for the preparations that are under way for the upcoming Creation and Life Issues Convocation 2.) 3.) 4.) 5.)

Link of the week: <http://www.birding-minnesota.com/MN-Cklst.htm> We're sharing this link again for folks who might want to start tracking birds.



Resource of the week: The **New Answers Book 3** available now from Answers in Genesis.

Question and Answer:

Question: Why should I want to learn more about Creation-Science?

Answer: Because the truth allows us to share Christ in new ways. God's Word is the truth and we should welcome information that helps us to better understand how God manifests himself through scripture, through us, and through the universe that surrounds us.

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